



Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 17-108
“Restoring Internet Freedom”

Dear Commissioners,

George Orwell would either be proud or calling his barristers right about now regarding the title of your proposed rules changes “Restoring Internet Freedom”. Bravo! It is as misleading a name as you could have created in that the only “freedom” being “restored” to the Internet is that of a tiny handful of the largest corporations on earth. Freedom for them to have complete control over Americans’ access to and use of the contents of the world wide web.

As the co-founder of three Internet digital companies who has created wealth and employment for numerous citizens, I implore you to keep Title II in place. The existing net neutrality rules enhance and expand opportunities for economic growth, job production and wage increases. Eliminating them does not. Why?

Allowing incumbent Internet service providers to limit the speed at which consumers access different content from different providers will almost immediately make giant corporations like Verizon (your Chairman’s former employer), Comcast and Charter the sole gatekeepers of the Internet. Innovative small companies and startups would be forced to “pay to play”. Can you imagine what America’s economic growth might have been like in the 20th Century if telephone access and usage was only available to those companies who were the highest bidders?

The proposed rule is anti-consumer and anti-innovation in that it purposefully consolidates control in a very small group of large incumbent players. Worse, it rewards incumbents that have demonstrably poor consumer track records and long histories of providing inferior service for high prices relative to other industrialized nations.

Quite the opposite of Chairman Ajit Pai’s stated purpose for this rule, it does not end “government control of the Internet” (which does not exist in any way and is therefore a poorly constructed and intellectually dishonest stalking horse) but instead imposes control of the Internet by monopoly corporations (in most U.S. markets).

I urge you to maintain the current rules on net neutrality that are helping to create a more robust and dynamic economy. I would welcome the opportunity to speak further with any Commissioner to further explain my opposition as a *small business owner*.

Sincerely,

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Jay DeDapper
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